

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of June 29, 2001.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment will require neither a new search nor substantial reconsideration.

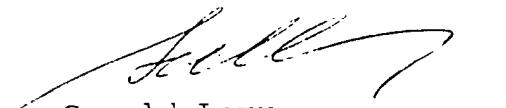
The Office Action rejected Claims 39, 41, 72 and 74 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by the Ausnit '962 reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,514,962). Similarly, the Office Action rejected Claims 39, 41 and 72-74 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by the Ausnit '224 reference (U.S. Patent No. 4,528,224) and rejected Claims 39, 41 and 72-74 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over the Ausnit '962 reference or the Ausnit '224 reference.

In response, the claims have been clarified to recite the relationship between the first wall, the second wall, the flange and the loop between the first and second walls. It is respectfully submitted that, with this clarification, that these claims are patentable over the cited art.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejections of the claims, to enter the present

amendment, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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